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## **PRESS RELEASE**



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### **NORMAN GEARS UP FOR BIKE MONTH 2015**

May is National Bike Month and the City of Norman invites you to go outside and ride your bicycle for fun, fitness and transportation. In 2011, Norman achieved the distinction of being named a bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community. Since then, the City has continued to invest in bicycle infrastructure and support bicycle-oriented initiatives.

The City is pleased to announce the installation of a bicycle repair station at the downtown Library. Located adjacent to the bicycle racks at the Library's north entrance, the repair station includes tools and an air pump and is free to the public. A website and QR code directs users to detailed instructional videos of common bike repairs. The repair station is part of a joint effort by the City and Cleveland Area Rapid Transit (CART) using Air Quality Awareness *Better Together* grant funds awarded by the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG). The ACOG grant also added repair stations at the Brooks Street Transfer Station and the Lloyd Noble Center and 15 new bike racks on the University of Oklahoma campus. With the three new locations, there are now eight bicycle repair stations located in the campus area. Please visit [bike.OU.edu](http://bike.OU.edu) for more information.

Bicycle and art enthusiasts are encouraged to explore the 13 artist-designed bike racks in downtown Norman. The newest addition, *Ammonite Fossil* by M. Lavina McKinzey, was installed in April at the northeast corner of Gray Street and Santa Fe Avenue. The installation of these unique bicycles racks is a project coordinated by the Public Arts Board, the Norman Arts Council, and City of Norman Park and Recreation Department. Generously sponsored by Fowler Volkswagen of Norman, each bike rack is designed by a local artist and is manufactured locally.

Also, be sure to get your bicycles ready to roll for Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 15, 2015. Morning group rides will leave from various locations around town and converge at 8:30AM for a Bicycle Rally at Andrews Park. A new feature of this year's event will be the Food Truck Park and Bicycle Safety Jam from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on West Gray Street (across from the downtown Post Office). More details will be announced soon.

More information about metro-area bike events can be found at [www.bikedayok.com](http://www.bikedayok.com).

Contact James Briggs, City of Norman Park Planner, at 366-5472 or [james.briggs@normanok.gov](mailto:james.briggs@normanok.gov) with questions.

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